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Re: Response to Restriction Requirement
Appl. No.: 10/591,340
Filed: August 31, 2006
Title: **Process for Preparing N-Protected
4-Ketoproline Derivatives**
Inventor(s): ROSEN, et al.
Atty. Dkt.: 7601/88254

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Response to Species Election Requirement (2 pages); and
2. Return postcard.

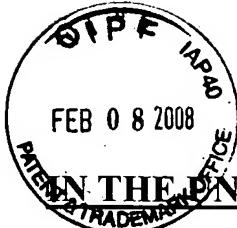
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 50-4056 under order number 7601/88254.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed postcard be stamped with the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that it be returned as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,
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In re patent application of:

Kai ROSSEN

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For: **PROCESS FOR PREPARING
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Examiner: Sun Jae Loewe

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Response to Species Election Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2008 in which the Examiner imposed a species election requirement on the claims in the above application, Applicants hereby elect N-protected ketoproline derivatives of formula I in which X is -COOH and PG is a tert-butoxycarbonyl group. Claims encompassing this species are claims 5-24.

This election is made without traverse.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are required for the filing of the present document. Nevertheless, any fees that may be needed may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-4056 under Order No. 7601/10250.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (240) 683-6165.

Respectfully submitted,
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